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SUBJECT: GUIDANCE FOR NATO JOINT COMMUNICATIONS-ELEC-
TRONICS COMMITTEE MEETING APRIL 27-28, 1978

REF: NAC/4670

1. IN ADDITION TO GUIDANCE OUTLINED BELOW, YOU SHOULD
TAKE POSITIONS WITHIN GENERAL POLICY GUIDELINES, AS
REQUIRED, BASED ON DISCUSSIONS AT MEETING AND, AS
APPROPRIATE AFTER CONSULTATION WITH DELEGATION.

PART I

I. NICS IMPLEMENTATION
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NOTE NICSMA STATUS REPORT. YOU MAY MAKE STATEMENT ON
UPDATE OF COMSEC ACTIONS IN SUPPORT OF NATO.

II. JOINT US/NATO DIGITAL TROPOSCATTER TESTS:

NOTE THE REPORT.

III. FRAGMENTATION OF PLANNING:

APPROVE RECOMMENDATIONS IN PARA 5 OF AC/270 - D/152.
SUPPORT THE JCEWG IN CONTINUATION OF THEIR STUDY,
DELIVER STATEMENT IN SUPPORT OF JCEWG APPROACH.

IV. LONG TERM DEFENCE PROGRAMME: REPORT OF TASK
FORCE SIX ON COMMUNICATIONS, COMMAND AND CONTROL.

NOTE THE REPORT, STATE THAT THE US IS ACTIVELY SUPPORTING
THE EFFORTS OF TF6 AND WILL CONTINUE TO DO SO.

V. NEAR TERM SATELLITE INTEROPERABILITY:

APPROVE RECOMMENDATIONS IN PARA 12 OF AC/270 - D/155.
ADVISE COMMITTEE THAT US IS PREPARED TO ENTER INTO
NEGOTIATION FOR THE LOAN OF OM-55 EQUIPMENTS.

VI. ANY OTHER BUSINESS.

VII. DATE AND PLACE OF NEXT MEETING.

AGREE TO HOLD THE NEXT MEETING ON OCTOBER 26, 27, 1978
IN BRUSSELS.

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PART II

VIII. NATO SATCOM PHASE III

(A) OPERATIONS

NOTE UPDATING BY CCOA. IF NECESSARY, DELIVER STATEMENT
REQUESTING EXTENSION OF LOAN OF SATCOM III TO US
UNTIL ABOUT JAN 1, 1979.

(B) IMPLEMENTATION:

NOTE ANNEX TO AC/270 - D/156 AS UPDATED IN NAC/4668.

IX. FUTURE SATCOM PLANNING:

APPROVE THE RECOMMENDATIONS IN PARAS 16 AND 17 OF AC/270-
D/161. DELIVER STATEMENT IN SUPPORT OF DSCS III OPTION
(SEE STATE 094548,DTG 130030Z APR 1978). PROVIDE
ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS RAISED IN USNATO 3933, DTG 171707Z
APR 78.

X. LIKELY EFFECTS OF PREDICTED SHORTFALLS OF THE NICS:
NOTE THE JCEWG REPORT AND SUPPORT THEIR RECOMMENDATIONS
ON MEETING NICS MANPOWER REQUIREMENTS (SEE PARA 5
OF ANNEX TO AC/270 - D/153).

XI. NICS SYSTEM ARCHITECTURE:

APPROVE RECOMMENDATION IN PARA 7 OF AC/270 - D/157.

XII. FUNDING FOR THE NICS PROJECTS 1980-1984:

NOTE ANNEX TO AC/270 - D/158, AND MAKE PREPARED
STATEMENT CONCERNING PROCUREMENT OF ADDITIONAL SERVICE
VOICE EQUIPMENT.
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XIII. ANNUAL REPORT TO THE DPC:

NOTE THE PARTICIPATE IN ANY DISCUSSION IN PREPARATION
OF THE FINAL REPORT.

XIV. ANY OTHER BUSINESS.

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